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[S. 5458.]

[Public, No. 724.]

**CHAP. 288.**—An Act Authorizing the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 7 meets Texas Highway Numbered 87.

Sabine River.  
Bridge authorized  
across, between Calcasieu  
Parish, La., and  
Newton County, Tex.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Right to acquire real  
estate for location, ap-  
proaches, etc.

Condemnation pro-  
ceedings.

Amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Louisiana Highway Commission and the State Highway Commission of Texas be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Sabine River, between Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and Newton County, Texas, at a point suitable to the interest of navigation, where Louisiana Highway Numbered 7 meets Texas Highway Numbered 87, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Louisiana Highway Commission, and the State Highway Commission of Texas, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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**CHAP. 289.**—An Act To authorize an appropriation of funds in the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia for the use of the District of Columbia Commission for the George Washington Bicentennial.

George Washington  
Bicentennial.  
Sum authorized for.

*Ante*, p. 1363.  
*Post*, p. 1558.

*Proviso.*  
Regulations to be  
prescribed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of funds in the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia, the sum of \$100,000, to be expended by the District of Columbia Commission for the George Washington Bicentennial: *Provided*, That the expenditure of the money by the District of Columbia Commission for the George Washington Bicentennial herein authorized shall be made under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

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**CHAP. 290.**—An Act Authorizing the payment of an indemnity to the British Government on account of losses sustained by H. W. Bennett, a British subject, in connection with the rescue of survivors of the United States ship Cherokee.

British Government.  
Payment directed to,  
as indemnity, on ac-  
count of losses sus-  
tained by H. W.  
Bennett.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the British Government, as an act of grace and without reference to the question of the legal liability of the United States in the matter, the sum of \$400 as full reimbursement for losses sustained by